

WARREN COUNTY

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021



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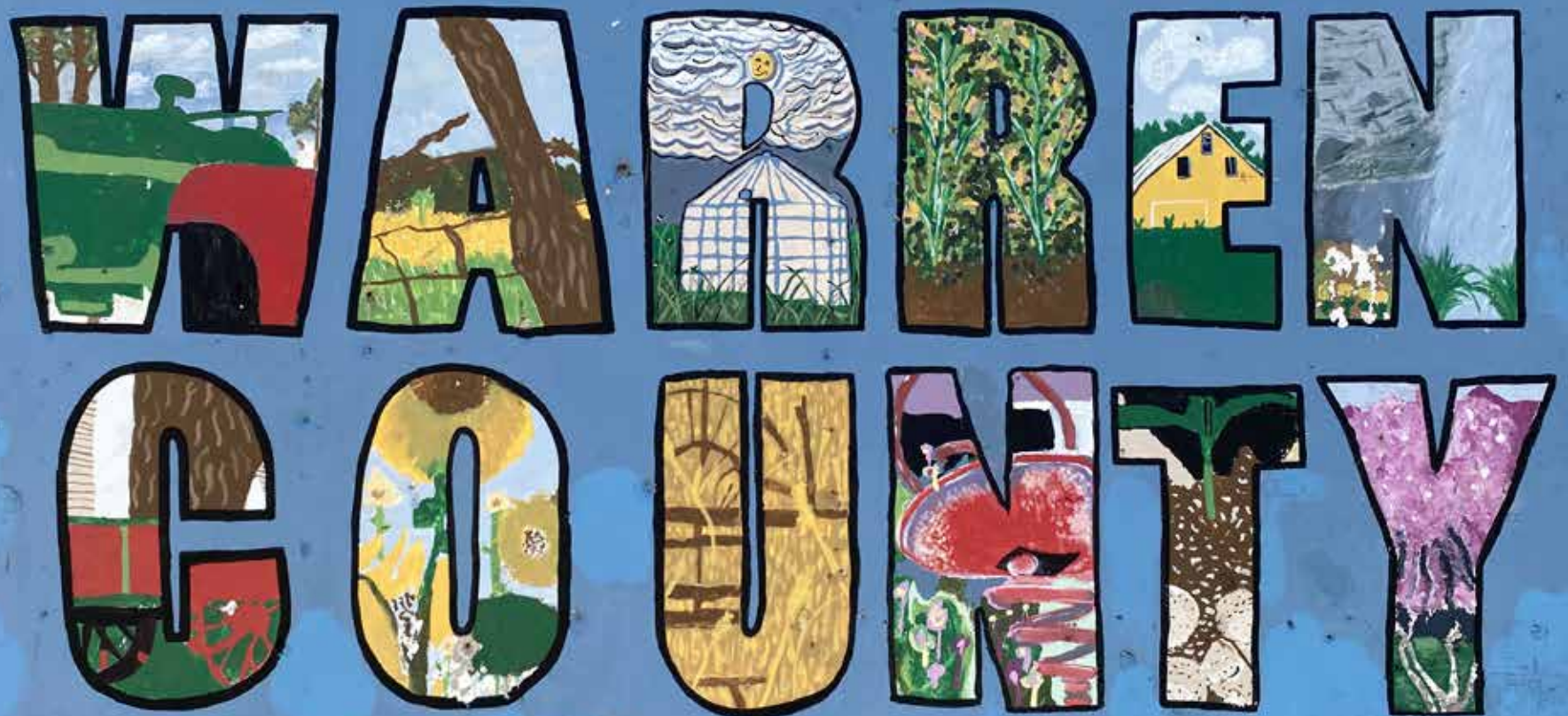
INTRODUCTION

In 2016, Warren County's Board of Zoning Appeals approved an exemption to allow for the construction of the Jordan Creek Wind Farm, a 150-turbine wind farm in Jordan, Liberty, Prairie, and Steuben townships. The wind farm, which became fully operational in 2020, will provide a total of at least \$8 million in economic development payments to Warren County from 2021-2024 as part of an agreement between Warren County and the wind farm's ownership.

In an effort to be responsible stewards of these additional county funds, the Warren County Commissioners have initiated a 2 phase planning process that will result in a strategic plan and an updated county comprehensive plan. The strategic plan will prioritize strategic investments, utilizing the county's wind farm economic development payments, to address top community needs and opportunities. The comprehensive plan update will build upon the strategic plan and align overall community vision and strategies around the established priorities.



Greetings from



2 PHASE PLANNING PROCESS

Over the course of the next two years, Warren County will undergo two planning phases that will shape the direction of the county's future.

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STRATEGIC PLAN

- The Strategic Plan will prioritize strategic investments to address top community needs and opportunities.
- The plan will target how to utilize federal Covid-19 relief and wind funds to address county priorities.
- The planning process occurred during 2021.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

- This plan will build upon the strategic plan and align overall community vision and strategies around the established priorities. This will consider a wide range of topics including land use, infrastructure, transportation, placemaking and other community needs for the next 10-20 years.
- Planning will be driven by a steering committee and will receive input from residents, businesses and representatives from the county's 4 incorporated towns.
- The planning process will occur over 2022.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS



- Steering Committee
- County-wide Data Review
- Online Public Survey
 - » Distributed via social media and printed fliers
 - » 69 responses

STRATEGIC PLAN PURPOSE

BE PROACTIVE:

Through the planning process, six long-term strategic priorities were identified for Warren County. The intent is to use funding from wind development to make progress on these long-term priorities. While short-term needs in other areas may come up, those needs should be addressed with other funding sources.

LEVERAGE FURTHER INVESTMENT:

The ultimate goal is to maximize the impact of the forecasted \$8 million in wind farm economic development payments. To accomplish this goal, community leaders should use these funds to match state and federal grants, or to support private investment. Detailed planning is recommended for several of the strategic priorities, which should include working to identify grant funding opportunities. With careful planning, a total investment exceeding \$16 million or more should be possible.



STRENGTH & OPPORTUNITIES

WARREN COUNTY STRENGTHS:

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Warren County's percentage of adults with a college degree (29.9%) excels all other counties in the region, except Tippecanoe County.

HEALTH OUTCOMES

Warren County ranks #4 in Indiana for public health outcomes. This is according to a 2020 County Health Ratings Report by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Located along the Wabash River Corridor, Warren County's beautiful outdoor landscape provides numerous outdoor recreation offerings, such as the Williamsport Falls, Big Pine Creek and NICHES Land Trust.

INCOME

Warren County's median household income (\$60,553) exceeds state and Greater Lafayette regional averages.



WARREN COUNTY'S THREATS:



POPULATION LOSS

Warren County's population declined by 0.8% from 2010-2020 and is expected to continue to decline.

AGING POPULATION

Warren County has the highest median age in the Greater Lafayette region.

LACK OF NEW HOUSING STOCK

Only 1.5% of housing units in Warren County were built after 2010.

LACK OF ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

93% of county survey respondents felt high-speed internet was inadequate

LIMITED PUBLIC UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Growth and development is limited to the few areas in the county with access to public water and sewer services.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES

There is a limited range of goods and services available from retailers in the county, often causing residents to travel outside of Warren County for basic needs.

OUR VISION & PRIORITIES

OUR VISION FOR WARREN COUNTY



Stabilize and moderately grow our population



Offer a high standard of living led by quality education, healthcare, and outdoor recreation



Create higher wage-earning potential for Warren County residents by diversifying local employment opportunities and upskilling the local workforce.



Attract and retain youth to live in our community



Offer a more complete array of shops, restaurants, and services within the county, allowing residents to access services and spend their dollars locally.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



HOUSING

- ◆ Increase housing stock
- ◆ Build on sites with existing utilities
- ◆ Expand number of sites with available infrastructure
- ◆ Eliminate blight



PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- ◆ Increase broadband coverage
- ◆ Expand water and sanitary sewer access
- ◆ Expand areas served by natural gas



RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

- ◆ Build upon strong outdoor recreation offerings
- ◆ Develop network of businesses that support outdoor recreation





TOWN REVITALIZATION

- ◆ Revitalize downtowns
- ◆ Spur economic activity
- ◆ Strengthen community organizational capacity



PLACEMAKING

- ◆ Expand art and cultural events
- ◆ Support and expand community festivals



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Control sites for future economic development
- ◆ Increase workforce development programming



PRIORITY: HOUSING

To stabilize and grow our county's population, we need to see investment in a range of housing options.



NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- A lack of available housing is a major barrier to population growth. Population declined by 0.8% from 2010-2020 and is predicted to continue to decline.
- There is a shortage of homes built in the past 20 years. Only 13% of houses built after 2000 and only 1.5% of houses have been added since 2010.
- Dilapidated houses are reducing neighborhood quality and posing safety risks to residents and should be eliminated.
- Only 16.1% of housing units in Warren County are renter occupied, creating the need for additional rental properties that provide a short-term housing option prior to purchasing a home in the county.

HOUSING INVESTMENT ADDRESSES:

1. **Stabilize and moderately grow our population**
2. **Attract and retain youth**
3. **Offer a high standard of living**

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS:

FIRST STEP:

- Complete a county-wide inventory and assessment of potential housing sites. Identify existing sites with available utility infrastructure and quantify required infrastructure upgrades for new sites with potential to support housing development.

FUTURE STEPS: (based on results of inventory)

- Create incentives for new houses to be built on existing sites identified in county-wide inventory.
- Create incentives for housing developments on new housing sites.
- Develop and/or expand blight elimination programs to secure blighted properties and demolish dilapidated houses.
- Start an infill housing program.



PRIORITY: PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

To enable future residential and commercial growth in Warren County, we must improve and expand our current public infrastructure systems.



NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure was identified by survey respondents as the top need for improving the county's local economic development opportunities.
- 93% of survey respondents prioritized the expansion of high-speed internet access.
- Future development in the county's incorporated towns is dependent upon infrastructure improvements and expansion.
- Current water infrastructure is limiting county fire protection capacity and depressing ISO ratings.
- Residents and commercial businesses want natural gas access, but capacity and availability are limited.
- Water and sewer service is only provided in incorporated towns.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ADDRESSES:

1. **Stabilize and moderately grow our population**
2. **Attract and retain youth**
3. **Offer a high standard of living**
4. **Offer better and higher wage jobs**

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS:

FIRST STEP:

- Complete the housing assessment, as recommended under housing, to determine what infrastructure investments are needed to support housing development.
- Publish a Request for Proposals to deploy broadband.

FUTURE STEPS:

- Seek partnerships with natural gas service providers to expand availability and capacity in the county.
- Expand infrastructure to support shovel-ready economic development sites for job creation.
- Extend water and sewer utilities in support of housing.
- Implement broadband strategy.



PRIORITY: RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

To attract and retain residents and visitors, we must continue to invest in Warren County's outdoor recreation assets.



NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Warren County has outstanding outdoor recreation and natural resources that are a foundation for local quality of life.
- Recreational amenities have the ability to attract and retain residents in an effort to stabilize population loss.
- Enhancing recreational amenities supports local economic development opportunities in the form of local outfitters, restaurants and related attractions.
- Numerous opportunities exist for capitalizing on key assets including the Wabash River corridor, Williamsport Falls, Old Town Park, and Cicott County Park, etc.

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES INVESTMENT ADDRESSES:

- 1. Stabilize and moderately grow our population**
- 2. Attract and retain youth**
- 3. Offer a high standard of living**

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS:

FIRST STEP:

- Update the county's 5-year parks and recreation master plan to be eligible for LWCF grant funding and support other DNR grant applications. In this plan, identify specific projects, funding sources and match commitments for priority improvements.

FUTURE STEPS:

- Implement Wabash River Greenway Master Plan
- Incentivize the expansion of businesses that support outdoor recreational activities.
- Protect natural resources by acquiring land and key resources.



PRIORITY: TOWN REVITALIZATION

To attract new residents to the county and support the needs of our existing residents, we must revitalize our towns to fully maximize their potential.



NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Given that Warren County's towns are the population, economic, and cultural centers of the county, a revitalization of the county's towns are needed to ensure the sustainability of the entire county.
- 84% of survey respondents believe Warren County needs increased retail and dining options.
- 60% of survey respondents selected revitalizing downtown areas as a top opportunity to improve the county's living environment.
- Many empty storefronts in downtown areas offer potential locations for new small businesses.
- Currently, there is a lack of funding to pursue town revitalization efforts.
- Numerous vacant buildings need repairs before a new tenant can utilize the space.
- Currently, many residents are leaving Warren County to purchase items and services, providing an opportunity to capture that lost economic activity.

TOWN REVITALIZATION INVESTMENT ADDRESSES:

- 1. Stabilize and moderately grow our population**
- 2. Attract and retain youth**
- 3. Offer a high standard of living**

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS:

FIRST STEP:

- Develop a community revitalization matching grant program to support downtown façade improvements, blight elimination, and small business development. The program should be used to provide matching fund requirements for state and federal grants, or to provide matching funds for projects that do not qualify for grant dollars. It is recommended that this be launched in 2023 after the 2022 Comprehensive Plan is complete and has identified needs.

FUTURE STEPS:

- Eliminate downtown blight.
- Invest in improving downtown buildings for future commercial use.
- Incentivize businesses to locate in Warren County that provide products and services that are desirable to county residents.
- Support existing community groups that advocate for town revitalization priorities through the matching grant program.



PRIORITY: PLACEMAKING

To build and strengthen current and future residents' sense of pride of the community, we must support local events and public spaces.



NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- The history and culture of Warren County should be celebrated by residents of the community.
- West Lebanon Patriot Day, named after nearby Seeger High School Patriots, is an annual tradition that brings together the West Lebanon community for fellowship, flea markets, and fun programming.
- Illiana Steam and Power Show is a Warren County tradition that celebrates the early history of rural life.
- Pine Village Vintage Football is an annual event that honors the 100+ year history of football in Pine Village.
- Williamsport Fire Department Motorama car show is a community-wide event that features a car show, local foods, and live entertainment.

PLACEMAKING INVESTMENT ADDRESSES:

1. **Stabilize and moderately grow our population**
2. **Attract and retain youth**
3. **Offer a high standard of living**

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS:

FIRST STEP:

- Develop a forgivable loan program to support community events, festivals, and programming. The intent of the program is to provide loans to help stage events. The loans would be forgivable if an event, festival or program does not achieve the needed revenue to cover event expenses due to unforeseen circumstances.

FUTURE STEPS:

- Expand offering of arts and cultural events and programming.
- Support and grow festivals and events that build community pride.
- Develop year-round events surrounding current community place-based activities.



PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To maximize the economic potential of Warren County, we must invest in economic development initiatives that create local assets and empower the local workforce.



NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- 55% of survey respondents believe that expanded childcare opportunities in the county would help residents get better jobs.
- 43% of survey respondents believe that increased vocational training opportunities in the county would help residents get better jobs.
- Expand opportunities for Warren County students to receive training and certifications needed for available jobs.
- Ensure that adult workers have the skills and opportunities to earn degrees and certificates to expand earning power and meet the needs of local employers
- Warren County's educational attainment rate is an asset and should be leveraged to attract better and higher wage jobs to the county.
- Warren County needs a supply of shovel ready sites for attraction and retention of employers.
- Warren County employers have a large number of job openings and need additional workforce in the county.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT ADDRESSES:

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2. **Attract and retain youth**
3. **Offer a high standard of living**
4. **Offer better and higher wage jobs**

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS:

FIRST STEP:

- Complete an inventory and assessment of potential employer sites in the county. Prioritize sites for future acquisition or development.

FUTURE STEPS:

- Pursue site control for top priority parcels for future employee sites. Site control could be in the form of an option to purchase, development agreement or full acquisition.
- Expand offering of workforce development programming to ensure the skills needs of local employers and the local workforce are met.
- Support efforts to increase accessibility and affordability of local childcare options.
- Support efforts to expand availability of local workforce.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN STEPS

STEP #1 – PLANNING

- Planning processes establish needs and opportunities for each individual issue
- In some cases, planning is a requirement to receive grants
- Either way, planning is an essential step to make sure we are being the best stewards of funding dollars

STEP #2 – ASSIGN TO A RESPONSIBLE PARTY

- Each strategic investment should have a responsible party clearly defined
 - Examples: Warren County LEDO, Warren County Commissioners, Warren County Community Foundation, etc.
- A local taskforce of community leaders should be established to support the responsible party

STEP #3 – ALLOCATING FUNDS

- Funds for each strategic investment should be allocated to a community organization that will be responsible for proper administration of funds
- This organization should be a governmental entity or a quasi-governmental entity structured to serve local taxpayers
- To maximize the efficiency of the process, funds should be allocated to organizations with the resources and capacity to manage project implementation. This could include groups such as the Warren County Redevelopment Commission, Warren County LEDO, Warren County Community Foundation, the Warren County Parks Board and others.

JORDAN CREEK WIND FARM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Economic development payments from the Jordan Creek Wind Farm were forecasted at \$8 million between 2020-24. Fortunately, actual payments have exceeded forecasted payments in 2020 and 2021. At the current pace of the first two years of payments, the Jordan Creek Wind Farm could yield \$9.7 million in economic development payments for Warren County. If actual funding does exceed the forecast, the intent is to use the funding toward the priorities included in this plan.

	FORECASTED PAYMENTS	ACTUAL PAYMENTS
2020	\$1,111,111	\$1,130,055.56
2021	\$861,111	\$1,079,444.00
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2022	\$861,111	\$-
2022	\$861,111	\$-
2023	\$861,111	\$-
2023	\$861,111	\$-
2024	\$861,111	\$-
2024	\$861,111	\$-
Total	\$8,000,000	\$3,288,943.56

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL FUNDING FOR PRIORITIES

HOUSING	
Planning	\$60,000.00
Project Implementation	\$2,000,000.00
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE	
Planning	N/A
Project Implementation	\$2,000,000.00
RECREATIONAL AMENITIES	
Planning	\$30,000.00
Project Implementation	\$2,000,000.00
TOWN REVITALIZATION	
Planning	N/A
Project Implementation	\$1,000,000.00
PLACEMAKING	
Planning	N/A
Project Implementation	\$350,000.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Planning	\$60,000.00
Project Implementation	\$500,000.00
Total	\$8,000,000.00

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL BUDGET
HOUSING			
County-wide inventory and assessment of potential housing sites	2022	LEDO	\$60,000
Create incentives for new houses on existing sites	2023-2026	County/RDC	\$2,000,000
Create incentives for new housing developments on new sites	2023-2026	County/RDC	
Develop blight elimination program	2023-2026	Commissioners	
Start an in-fill housing program	2023-2026	APC/Towns	
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE			
Complete a housing infrastructure assessment	2022	See Housing Goal	n/a
Publish an RFP for broadband	2022	LEDO	\$0
Seek partnerships with natural gas service providers	2023-2026	LEDO	\$3,500,000
Expand infrastructure to support shovel-ready economic development sites	2023-2026	RDC	
Extend water and sanitary sewer in support of housing	2023-2026	County/Towns	
Implement broadband strategy	2023-2026	LEDO	

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL BUDGET
RECREATIONAL AMENITIES			
Update county’s 5-year parks and recreation master plan	2022	County Parks Board	\$30,000
Implement Wabash River Greenway Master Plan	2023-2026	County Parks Board	\$500,000
Incentivize the expansion of outdoor recreation support businesses	2023-2026	LEDO	
Acquire land and key resources to protect natural resources	2023-2026	County	
TOWN REVITALIZATION			
Develop a community revitalization matching grant program	2023	RDC	\$1,000,000
Launch a small business revolving loan program	2024-2026	LEDO	
Eliminate downtown blight	2024-2026	RDC/Towns	
Invest in improving downtown buildings	2024-2026	RDC/Towns	
Incentivize businesses to locate in Warren County	2024-2026	LEDO	
Support existing town revitalization community groups	2024-2026	RDC/Towns	

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT	SCHEDULE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	POTENTIAL BUDGET
PLACEMAKING			
Develop a forgivable loan program for community events	2022	Community Foundation	\$150,000
Expanding offering of arts and cultural events	2023-2026	Community Foundation	\$200,000
Support and grow festivals and events	2023-2026	Community Foundation	
Develop year-round events surrounding existing community activities	2023-2026	Community Foundation	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Inventory and assessment of employer sites	2022	LEDO	\$60,000
Control sites for economic development	2023-2026	LEDO	\$500,000
Expand offering of workforce development programming	2023-2026	LEDO	
Support efforts to increase accessibility and affordability of childcare	2023-2026	LEDO	

POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IDNR)			
GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>NEXT LEVEL TRAILS</u>	Local Government, Non-profit organizations. Must fulfill at least one of the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own (or acquire) the trail corridor • Manage and maintain the trail once developed • Oversee and manage trail construction through completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All non-motorized trails • Multi-use trails (consideration) • Trails must be open to the public 	\$200,000 - \$5,000,000 (20% match can include land value, and in-kind donations)
<u>HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND</u>	Municipal government entities, educational institutions, not for profit organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural and historical archaeological, and acquisition and development (rehabilitation) 	\$35,000 - \$50,000 (50% match)
<u>LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND</u>	Parks and Recreation Boards with a current 5-year parks master plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily acquisition but also funds various park/recreation 	\$50,000 - \$250,000 (50% match)
<u>RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM</u>	Government agencies, non-profit organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition and trail development and amenities 	\$50,000 - \$200,000 (20% match)
<u>WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR FUND (WRHCF)</u>	Units of Governments (preferably Park Boards) and 501(c)(3) not-for-profits. Projects must be located in one of the 19 counties along the Wabash River Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation and recreational development projects 	\$50,000 - \$150,000 (20% match)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>2020 PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</u>	Governments, organizations, non-profit organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction, planning, technical assistance 	\$100,000 - \$3,000,000

INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY (IFA)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF)</u>	Municipalities that have a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water, wastewater, and non-point source projects 	Loan

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (INDOT)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT</u>	Indiana cities, towns, and county governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road reconstruction, resurfacing, preservation, bridge rehabilitation 	\$1,000,000 (match requirements based on population)
<u>LPA - FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDING (FAST ACT)</u>	Local agencies not in an MPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway Safety Improvement Program Streetscapes Trails Roads on INDOT functional classification maps 	\$5,000,000 (20% match)

INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (IEDC)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND</u>	Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease, purchase, construction or repair of real estate and personal public property 	
<u>COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION ENHANCEMENT DISTRICT (CRED)</u>	Taxpayers that invest in redevelopment/rehab of a property located within a revitalization district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition costs, when necessary for redevelopment or rehabilitation, Consulting fees 	Tax Credit
<u>SKILLS ENHANCEMENT FUND (SEF)</u>	Businesses, communities, employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Software New Capital Investments 	50% Match

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (ISDH)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN</u>	Communities and non-profits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan preparation in house or via consultant 	\$10,000 - \$20,000
<u>TACTICAL URBANISM DEMONSTRATION</u>	Incorporated communities in Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary bicycle and pedestrian safety demonstration projects Property purchases Traffic calming projects 	\$10,000

INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHCDA)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>CREATING PLACES</u>	Non-profit entities and Local units of government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streetscape beautification and walkability Art/Public plaza development activation etc. 	\$10,000 - \$100,000 (50% match)
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT</u>	Non-profit entities, community organizations, governmental entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homes, educational attainment, community organizations 	
<u>OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM</u>	Non-profit entities, community organizations, governmental entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs Maintenance Preservation 	\$25,000 (per home)
<u>WASTEWATER AND DRINKING WATER PROGRAM</u>	Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wastewater improvements Drinking water system improvements 	(\$500,000 - \$700,000 20% match)

RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM</u>	Governments, organizations, non-profit organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking water sourcing • Treatment • Storage distribution 	Loan
<u>RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT</u>	Towns, state agencies, non-profits, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support targeted technical assistance training, etc. 	\$10,000 - \$500,000
<u>RURAL ECONOMIC LOAN GRANT PROGRAM</u>	Local utility organizations, local businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing revolving loan funds that will create or retain rural jobs 	\$300,000
<u>COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN AND GRANT</u>	Public bodies, community based non-profits and federally recognized tribes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas 	Loan

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS (OCRA)

GRANT	ELIGIBILITY	PROJECT TYPES	GRANT LIMITS
<u>BLIGHT CLEARANCE PROGRAM</u>	Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of deteriorated or abandoned buildings as well as vacant and unusable industrial sites 	\$500,000 (10% match)
<u>QUICK IMPACT PLACEBASED GRANT</u>	Indiana Main Street communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placemaking projects 	\$2,500 - \$5,000
<u>PLANNING GRANTS - INFRASTRUCTURE</u>	Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study of infrastructure 	\$35,000 - \$50,000
<u>PLANNING GRANTS - COMMUNITY PLANNING</u>	Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income, or slum and blight designation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Plans Downtown Revitalization Plans Economic Development Plans Public Facilities Plans 	\$20,000 - \$40,000 (10% match)
<u>NEXTLEVEL CONNECTIONS</u>	Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadband improvements including affordable service and increased reliability in rural communities. 	\$60,000
<u>PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM</u>	Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of architectural barriers Community Centers Daycare Centers Emergency Centers 	\$500,000 (10% match)
<u>MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROGRAM</u>	Indiana Main Street Community and Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income, or slum and blight designation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streetscape upgrades Facade renovations Downtown infrastructure 	\$500,000 (20% match)
<u>STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</u>	Non-entitlement communities, Communities with at least 51% low-moderate income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood prevention reduction Environmental protection 	\$600,000 (10% match)